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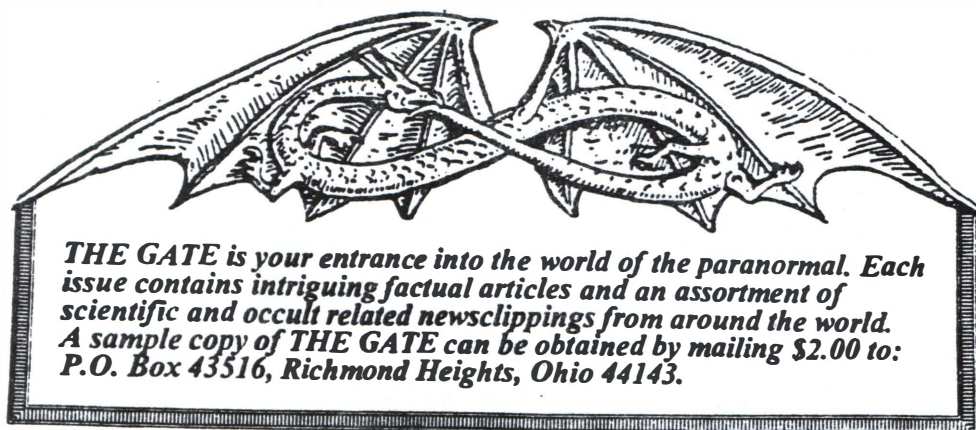
Well, I'm still off from work recuperating from my shoulder surgery and probably won't return to work until sometime in February or later. I have to go through some more physical therapy and then a work-hardening program to prepare me to return back to my regular job. Thanks to all those who sent me get well cards and wished me well!

I want to thank all the following people for their generous donations of newspaper clippings: Phyllis Olsta, Diane Laurent, Tom Perrott, John Anderson, Audrey Cali, Jeannie Youngsen, Suzanne Wilson and Barry Conrad. Thanks to Richard Parker, Alan Lewis and G.L. Phipps for their unusual psychic photographs. A thorough thanks, as always, goes to Tom Perrott for all the material he constantly sends me including: the back issues of the SPR Journals, PSI Researcher and Skeptic Magazine plus the two books, "Poltergeist" by Harry Price and "Haunted Houses" by Charles Harper. I also wish to thank G.L. Phipps for all the faxed information he has been sending me including the Luertguert murder case file.

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Ghost Research Society

The next two bi-monthly meeting dates of the GRS are March 18th and May 20th, 1995 at 1pm at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave., Oak Lawn, Illinois. All are welcome if you are a member or not. Many interesting things will be covered in upcoming meetings.

This has been the busiest year to date for *Excursions Into The Unknown* as I conducted tours for many park districts, libraries, high schools and private groups. There were many lectures scheduled throughout the year to local libraries and colleges. Plus the media blitz was tremendous this year and the GRS and myself got some great exposure!

I was featured in the Daily Herald, Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun-Times, Hammond Times, Argo Maroon, Public Opinion, Washington Office Magazine, Long Beach Press Telegram, Bakersfield Californian, Barrington Courier Review, Arizona Republic, Insider Magazine, and the National Enquirer.

I was a featured guest on several radio programs including: WRRG from River Grove, Illinois, WLUP with Wendy Snyder & Tony Fitzpatrick and also with Tom Thayer and Keith Van Horne, WIMS from Michigan City, Indiana, WLS with Robert Murphy, WGN with Dean Richards, and KSL News Radio from Salt Lake City, Utah.

Several television and cable programs also used me as an expert including: Mysteries, Myths and Miracles on the Sci-Fi Channel and hosted by Patrick McNee, Univision TV on Channel 26 WCIU-TV in Chicago for a Spanish-speaking program entitled Premier Impacto, FX for Fox-32 cable, WGN-TV 9pm news program with Randy Salerno and *The Other Side* for NBC-TV.

I have had many investigations regarding alleged haunted houses including the one in Hanover Park which was the subject of a recent Sally Jesse Rafael show. We are continuing with that case as of the time of this writing with professional psychic and healer, Pat Shenburg who was a past president of the Illinois Society for Psychical Research. We have been making much headway in this case and have both photographed and experienced strange sounds within the house. Many strange lights were seen using Moonlight binoculars which amplify existing light 30,000 times.

I am also in the process of beginning work with a Japanese film crew and also putting together possible other television shows with a professional psychic in Alexandria, Virginia, Ginette Matacia. If you are in the need for a good psychic detective contact here at PO Box 9522, Alexandria, VA. 22304 or call 703-273-3030 and mention this organization and newsletter.



Ghosts of the Old Mill Tunnel

By

William Hauck

This property, situated above the Old Mill Tunnel in San Marion, California, has a long and sad history. In the early 1800s, captured Indians were forced to work in a lumber mill here. Many were killed on the land or shot to death as they tried to escape through a nearby tunnel, which led to safety on the other side of the mountain.

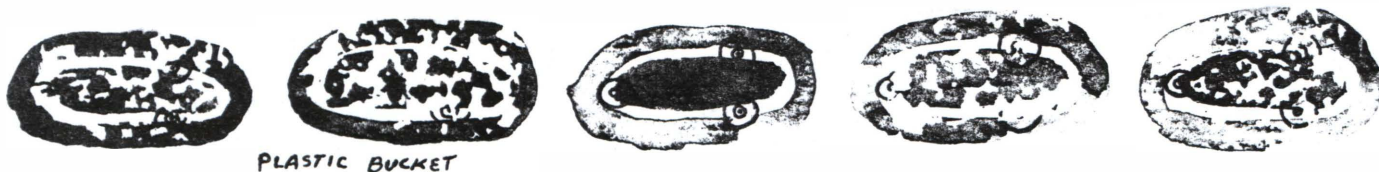
In 1970, a three-bedroom house was built directly over the old tunnel. While it afforded an excellent view of the San Fernando Valley, the new structure seemed to tap into old emotions buried deep in the mountain. All three families who have lived in the house have reported frightening ghostly encounters.

Most often encountered is a black-capped figure, which materializes near the house and then walks slowly into the hillside, where it disappears. Another ghost seen on the property has been known to speak. Two witnesses reported a little girl apparition, who plaintively asks: "How could you stay here? After what happened?"

The house has been occupied by a young married couple, an Arcadia dentist and his family, and another family. Recently, it was sold to a lady from Peru, who purchased it fully believing the property to be haunted. She plans to move in later this summer.

The current investigation is proceeding with the cooperation of the present occupants. A magnetospheric survey is planned, as well as research into historic archives such as the *San Marino Tribune*. Further reports will be made as the investigation progresses.

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Haunted Boat Lurks In Ventura Harbor

By

Richard Senate

It looks forlorn and haunted as it rocks slowly at her slip. She is an old vessel and each of her years she wears in her cracked decking and flaking paint. But if those wooden bulkheads could but speak what tales of horror would be disclosed! One might, sensing the strange aura of darkness about the craft, guess that she once served cruel masters. The motor cruiser now being restored in Ventura Harbor was once owned by the infamous gangster Al Capone! And, if the stories are true, she is haunted!

Perhaps the ghosts reported to reside on the craft are somehow linked to its lurid past. The man trying to rebuild the vessel has lost several workmen to the ghosts - after having things happen they quit, vowing never to return to the boat. One man was working in the forward cabin when he noticed the papers swirling around as if caught in a tiny whirlwind. They flew about in a circle. It was several moments later that he realized the door and ports were closed! Another worker was in the aft cabin when a section of electrical wire seemed to take on a life of its own and grabbed her! She ran from the boat and never worked another moment on the project. Still another man was looking into the mirror in the aft cabin and saw another face in the mirror - the face of a man wearing a German uniform!

The reports of ghosts and the link to the bloody founder of organized crime, Al Capone, was enough to organize an investigation of the motor cruiser. I had met the owner at the Octoberfest where I gave a short talk about Ventura County Ghosts. The man who is now restoring the craft came up to me after the lecture and said, "You want ghosts, you ought to come on my boat, it's full of them!" Upon hearing of the things that people had experienced on the boat I was ready to set up a ghost hunt.

We arranged to have a video crew present from KEYT-TV, in Santa Barbara to record the findings and perhaps document any abnormal events that might take place. Debbie, my wife and a gifted psychic, agreed to take part in the investigation to discover what, if anything, haunted the boat. She knew little about the vessel and didn't want to know so her impressions would be fresh. As we drove to a parking place, she first set eyes upon the white craft.

"I don't like it," she said transfixed by the boat, "I feel there is something on that boat. People have died on that thing." She didn't even want to get out of the car. But, when told that

people were waiting, reluctantly she stepped out and slowly we made our way to the craft. The film crew were interviewing a friend of the owner so we went aboard the old power boat.

The decks were cluttered and the galley a mess of engine parts. Debbie seemed drawn to the forward cabin.

"There is a male presence here," she began with a slight tremble in her voice. "He was a violent man. I'm picking up a name -- Magerk? He knew Al Capone. He was an associate of his. He is guarding something. Making sure that something is safe. I can see that he is a stocky man."

She moved to the other side of the cabin. "He has a girlfriend. I'm picking up the name Jock or Jack, that's his name. Her name was Jose or Jo. He killed people, he made them disappear. He picked up guns. He sometimes had three guns on him, they were not modern guns, not square automatics. They were guns, revolvers. He didn't trust automatics. I see him surrounded by violence."

I asked her if Mr. Magerk had died on the boat and that was why he haunted the place? "No," she answered, "he was gunned down -- I see something to do with Valentines? Why Valentines?" Debbie went on to check the other rooms of the craft and found traces of other events but nothing as strong as the gangster "Magerk". The TV crew did a short interview with Debbie and our group left as the chill mist of the evening replaced the heat of the day. A cold chill enveloped me as I walked the deck to leave. Was it just the weather or was it some sense of violence and death that must be the boat's history?

The owner wishes to sell the craft at a loss. Anything to get rid of the thing that he believes holds some kind of curse. The Dutchess III should be restored and placed on permanent exhibition in a museum of the infamous! A museum of the Twilight Zone!

A simple search doesn't list a Magerk in the list of those gangsters machine gunned in the St. Valentine's Day Massacre. And, as Al Capone was Italian, it seems unlikely that he would have an Irishman as a bodyguard. Still the ranks of Capone's organization were legion and it is possible that a Magerk was a trusted member. More research is needed to discover the identity of the phantom hoodlum. One thing seems certain, the old boat is indeed haunted!

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The Haunting of St. Mary's Episcopal Church:

The bump in the night continues

By

Maurice Schwalm

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In 1991, True Tales of the Unknown included an article by Schwalm entitled *The Priest with Two Guns and Three Graves* which presented the reports of the haunting of St. Mary's which have accumulated since the day of its dedication, June 17, 1888. The following is an abridged chronology of further haunting reports which have been logged since 1988. It is hoped that this log will generate some appreciation of what it means to say a building is haunted by presenting events sequentially rather than in a slice which gives full detail of events over a relatively small time period. The brief reports will be identified by date:

July 1988. The then rector reports cold spots on the stairs up to the old priest's apartment.

August 1988. An old-time member who was baptized there in 1918 saw a priest processing down the aisle. The priest was momentarily transformed into the likeness of a nineteenth century priest whom he could not quite identify.

June 1989. The proof copy of the new parish directory disappeared from a parish hall table and was never found.

September 1989. Tower doors reported rattling.

October 1989. Noises in sacristy reported. Priest reports to associates that he has 'seen the ghost.'

November 1989. Alarm service reports finding tower doors open in the middle of the night. Priest reports directly that he stayed in the building after the doors were found open. Repeated walking sounds on balcony. Organ repairman noted that his dog was tracking an invisible entity across the altar. An 'ectoplasmic' moon seen on altar a day before news came that the priest was being replaced.

December 1989. An inner door of the church, which was wired, somehow opened and triggered a police investigation. The new priest told the police, "I guess the ghost was lonely tonight."

There are 26 more reports progressing up to June of 1994. The most recent reports have a slightly menacing tone such as a black shadow moving across the kitchen area which was perceived as somehow exuding fear and menace. These reports correspond in time with major repair of the tower. Such alterations are frequently reported as exciting spirit activity. In the 1890s, the tower was used as a mortuary for the city. Governor Marmaduke was laid there as well as many unidentified indigents. There are now plans to use the tower as a columbarium. It would be difficult to project the resulting bump frequency rate.

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An Investigation Into A Haunted House In Stirling

By

Malcolm Robinson

Preface:

Placing our SPI (Strange Phenomena Investigations) advert in various newspapers, does from time to time, bear fruit, and one lady, pensioner Elizabeth Harris aged (73) from the town of Stirling in Central Scotland, contacted me and explained that her house was haunted, and was there anything SPI could do to get rid of it! Well, we at SPI always act on any case that comes our way and I made an appointment with Mrs. Harris to attend and visit her home. And on the 20th of April I duly went along to visit both her and her husband. Her story is long and detailed, but briefly here are some of the events of which Mrs. Harris has experienced over the years.

Strange events:

In 1963 Mrs. Harris lived in Manchester, and 3 months before President Kennedy was shot, she was lying in bed when all of a sudden a voice came into her head and told her, "President Kennedy is going to be assassinated," sadly 3 months later this prediction came true. She also saw a vision of a ghost walk along a quiet street and then out of her line of vision. 'It appeared to be solid' but had no face! In 1970 she came to Scotland and moved into a flat in Edinburgh, which, she told me in our interview, was 'awash' with psychic manifestations. After papering the flat, she came home one day to find scratches on the wallpaper. The front door bell would ring and nobody would be there. She also saw a 'ghost head of a man' whom she didn't recognize. Most disconcerting however, were the numerous sounds of 'fluttering wings', she said that it sounded like a bird was trapped in the bedroom and was fluttering around the bedroom trying to get out, and although she heard this distinct sound, no bird of any kind could be seen. The flat would at times, fill with a terrible stench which stayed for awhile and would then disappear. One night she was reading in bed when she heard a male voice say, "do you remember me?" Quite frightened by this, she dove under the covers. She did not recognize this voice. Things started to get bit much, and she decided to seek out the help of some psychic mediums, but everyone she spoke to said, "sorry love, we don't come to houses for this kind of work" (!) I find this attitude simply incredible, and unbecoming of someone who calls themselves a psychic.

Move to Stirling:

In 1981, Mrs. Harris, along with her husband, moved to the town of Stirling, and unfortunately discovered that her psychic problems had followed her. Moving had not cured the problem, the problems still remained, indeed they got worse! Scratching noises could be heard, she got the distinct feeling that someone else was in the home when only she, and she alone was there. Some days she would come back from a shopping trip, her husband would be out for a walk, and upon entering the house, (an old tenement-style building), it was like walking into a party, just a feeling in the air that lots of people were in the home. Of course the reality was that apart from herself, the house was empty!

Then she started to see 'faces of people' that she didn't recognize. 'Expressionless faces' would pop into view and be gone in seconds. Another occasion she heard a male voice talking (nothing could be seen), then snarling. This really upset her. She would walk into a room and hear snatches of conversation which would quickly cease moments after she walked into the room. I must state, that at no time did her husband hear or see any of these incidents, or the ones to follow. It was specifically centered around Mrs. Harris who perhaps was a channel or focus for these manifestations to occur. In 1983 whilst reading in bed late at night, she saw a red rose appear on the bedroom wall, (a blood red rose as she described it) which suddenly 'popped' or 'burst open' at which the colors all moved away in different directions in the room and faded from view. Another unnerving sight was what resembled a snake. Again Mrs. Harris was in bed reading, when she saw what resembled a white snake slither down the curtains, go along a bedroom chest of drawers, and over the carpet. After putting the light on and searching, nothing could be found. Probably the most horrible thing that Mrs. Harris witnessed in this house, was again one night she was lying in bed with her husband sleeping beside her, when she saw 'a row of unfamiliar faces' slowly descend from the bedroom ceiling towards her. Horrible tortured faces. She quickly closed her eyes and upon opening them, this horrible vision was gone.

At times things were quiet in the house, nothing would happen for weeks, then things would come back with a vengeance, (events similar to what I've described here).

Present day:

Before SPI became involved, we were told that over the past few months Mrs. Harris had experienced being touched on the head when nobody was near her, touched on the back, again when nobody was near her, and again hearing voices within her home. Voices that she couldn't account for. She began to notice that most of these strange events were occurring in her bedroom. This was becoming the main focus room in which these events occurred. As she walked into her bedroom one morning, she heard a man's voice cry out "*blossom*". On another occasion she heard a noise as if

someone was being choked, 'a gurgling choking noise'. On yet another occasion she heard the sound of a cracking whip. Again she couldn't account for it. She felt as if she were losing her mind, but knew that she wasn't.

Seeing faces of people was one thing, but one morning she saw three men sitting at a table descend from the bedroom ceiling with evil-looking faces staring at her. She also claims to have seen Jesus. "It was like a small three-foot statue of Jesus I saw in the corner of the living room, high up near the ceiling which just melted away," she said to me in an interview. These strange events continued, and she decided to seek out the services of a local minister, but sadly, although he did say that he would visit her home, he never did. It wasn't until she saw our SPI advert in her local newspaper that she felt here was her last chance.

SPI's involvement.

I visited Mrs. Harris twice before I brought along our psychic medium Helen Walters of whom as you should know, has been very helpful in previous SPI investigations. Mrs. Harris lives in a street which contains a row of old tenement-style buildings built many years ago. Her house comprises of a living room, toilet, kitchen and one bedroom. The walls are fairly thick. Nevertheless, sounds can still be heard from next door and above. She claims the sounds that she hears are not the result of other tenants. She is sure of this. Medication can sometimes cause people to hear, see and experience things that are not really there. Mrs. Harris is on a combination of Temazepam tablets, thyroid and calcium tablets and blood pressure pills, all for different ailments. Her vision is fairly good and having met her I believe she is sound mind, and not one I believe, to make up such a story. I've explained the possibility to her that it is perhaps she who is receptive to outside psychic influences, more psychically tuned in, and therefore it is because of this, that she is perhaps open to these effects, sad though it may be!

Touched by a ghost!


On the 23rd of June 1994, I took along Helen Walters our psychic medium, Billy Devlin SPI's designer and fellow investigator for them to meet and assess Mrs. Harris. I kept that vast majority of these events away from the notice of Helen Walters. I wanted her to go blind into this case with as few facts as possible. After speaking with Mrs. Harris, it was decided that SPI should head off for her bedroom, scene of most of these strange events. The room was in darkness apart from a small thin shaft of light which came in from the hallway and past the bedroom door. Helen stated that quite clearly there was *something* in the room with us. Two small audio tape recorders were recording everything that was being said. Then Helen said, "Oh, can you see the small red lights? They are just below and next to my hands." Helen had her hands raised into the air at this point. I couldn't see these red

lights, although Billy Devlin stated that he could. I thought at first, that these red lights might be the result of the glow coming from the battery light indicator from both the audio recorders, so I covered them both up with my hands, but both Billy and Helen stated that they could still see them. Try as I might though, I couldn't see these red lights!


Helen psychically picked up a few spirit names that were given to her, and then asked us that as the spirit presence was very strong within the room, that both Billy and I ask the spirit to touch a part of our body. This was basically to prove to us, as Helen said that they really were there. I asked out loud (in my head), 'spirit, if you really are here, could you touch the back of my hand?' I held out my hands, away from both Billy and Helen, and for five minutes I felt like a fool as nothing at all happened. I was just about to give up and drop my hands, when all of a sudden, a distinct and very clear sensation of being touched with slight warm pressure was felt by myself on the back of my right hand.

Well readers, although I've been in this line of work for some years now, it still does not make you a hero, for no sooner had I been touched, then I quickly dropped my hands, felt shivers racing up and down my spine, and shouted out, "Wow, I've just been touched." This is a first, I don't think that I have been touched by the spirit world before. I've experienced presences before, but had not been touched. The remaining part of that night was spent talking with both Mrs. Harris and her husband. This investigation is ongoing and I will present further updates on it in future editions of this newsletter.

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The Souls Of Animals Live!

By

Rev. Speaker Gerald A. Polley

As always loved Ghost Trackers! I was particularly amused by the cartoon on the cover of the little swami contacting the spirit of a chicken. Being a psychic and having worked seances and Spiritualist church services it might surprise you to know that such phenomena is really not unusual! Being able to pick up animals is very often an important part of one's abilities.

I was at a meeting once where I brought through a man and gave a very good description of him, but no one seemed to recognize him. Then, I mentioned that a big red dog had arrived and appeared to be chewing on the toe of the man's boot. A woman in the gathering immediately cried out, "Why, that's John and Rusty!" and she understood the rest of the message completely.

Another time I was working a service and not doing very well. The vibrations from the congregation were very negative. Then I picked up a big red parrot that kept saying "Time to go walkie! Time to go walkie!" A woman in the congregation immediately recognized the bird as her pet of many years. She got a very good message and almost immediately the vibrations of the gathering changed, and by the time it was done, the people were coming up and thanking me for my good work.

There have been occasions where I have brought an animal to a particular person and they haven't recognized it, but a couple of weeks later they have returned to tell me that a relative has reminded them they used to have such an animal or they've come across a photo of it.

Those who believe that man is the only creature that has a viable soul that survives death are so ignorant that it sometimes sickens me. We just lost our own little Poodle, Snowball, and he is now playing happily with our friends in spirit. They were around so much he barely know the difference!

So your little swami wasn't very far from the truth. The souls of animals continue to exist after death, and if they brought joy and happiness to the living they continue to bring it to those who dwell in the Other Realm, and this is the way it should be.

Submitted by: Rev. Speaker Gerald A. Polley, Voices From Spirit Magazine, PO Box 5104, Ellsworth, ME. 04605.

My Supernatural Experience

By

Ms. Lee Olson

On Sunday, October 30th, I listened with great interest to a show on WGN which you were a guest. That radio show discussing spirits prompted me to write and relate my personal experience.

This past July, I was visiting my son in California celebrating birthdays. My two sons and I always get together yearly for this event. However, this year I was reluctant to go as my mother, at age 94, was failing in health and I felt compelled to be with her. But I chose to go as it was also important for me to be with my sons and it was just for the weekend as our birthdays fell on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. I would return home on Tuesday with my husband and other son.

During my visit, I called back home and talked to my brother and he assured me our mother was doing fine, and her vital signs were all normal. On Sunday evening, I felt tired, excused myself early from the family and went upstairs to lie down. I immediately fell asleep and with total amazement, I saw a very bright white light. The vision was the appearance of my mother. She looked so happy and healthy. Her attire was all in white with an endless flow. I also saw everything in that part of the bedroom very clearly in this vision. The feeling I experienced was that of pure joy, happiness and peace. I awoke and realized that it was not just a dream as the feelings and emotions were still very much with me. I had such a warm and wonderful feeling.

I arrived home on Tuesday and unable to reach my brother, I called the nursing home immediately. The shocking news was that my mother had expired. The thought of that vision had come to mind and I suddenly realized what I had truly witnessed that evening on my birthday.

Those feelings of contentment and happiness I now interpret as love that my mother was conveying to me before leaving this earth. As a result of this incident, I have no fear of unexplained phenomena.

Submitted by: Ms. Lee Olson, 20 Beau Meade Rd., Oswego, IL. 60543.

Distant Replay

By

William Humphries

It was a Friday morning late in October, the first snow of the season had fallen during the night. Driving towards the football field on South campus, I heard the chapel carillon chiming nine o'clock. It was time to check the sound system and scoreboard for the last home game. I reached the field, unlocked the gate and entered. The grass was hidden by a coverlet of white, glistening in the morning sun.

I reached up behind the scoreboard and turned on the power, heard the time start counting off the seconds. I operated the controls putting the scoreboard through its paces. Leaving the seconds ticking off, I climbed the steep ladder to the press-box. The wind whistled around the structure as I looked down on the bleachers cold and empty. After checking the sound system I sat down and watched the scoreboard across the field.

A dark cloud drifted in front of the sun and the scoreboard seemed to glow brighter. Then it happened. The timer stopped with six seconds to go on the clock and all the numbers changed. It showed the home team had the ball, 4th down, 25 yards to go with the score tied and 6 seconds left in the 4th quarter.

As I murmured, "We need a field goal", the snow disappeared off the field. Staring below I saw players materialize, the kicking team taking up position at the visitors 40 yard line. Both sets of bleachers were swarming with fans standing and shouting encouragement to their teams.

A hush fell over the field as the ball was snapped, the kicker crouched and waiting. The kick was high and slow seeming to hang in the air and slicing right. A gust of wind caught the ball and moved it between the uprights. The crowd below cheered and jumped around throwing their hats in the air as the kicker was hoisted high on the shoulders of his teammates.

The sun broke through the clouds illuminating the whole scene so brightly I had to close my eyes. When I opened them the field was empty, white and smooth, not a footmark on it. The scoreboard clock was reading zero and the score was Home 17, Visitors 14.

I locked the press-box and climbed down trying to find a logical explanation for this strange happening. I turned off the scoreboard and was leaving when I noticed a dark object in the east end zone. I walked over there and, yes, nestling in a mound of snow was the game ball.

How many games are won and lost? How many yards to go? How many game balls on the shelf? It seems so long ago. Each field absorbs its memories lying dormant as if on tape. Waiting for that

moment when the replay can escape. So stand there on the fifty, hear the thuds, the calls, a groan. You may not see a player, but you know you're not alone.

One cannot walk on a football field and ever be alone, as shadowy figures push and grunt their way towards the zone.

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Dreaming of the Dead

I recognize most of them. There is the man with watery eyes who says he loves me too much, even now, to stop looking back. And grandmother, who is tired this visit, shuffles down the long hall in her run-over slippers, her small dog nipping at her hands. "Nothing is ever final," she says with a German accent, and stoops to pet the dog. She's looking for her son again, even though he's standing behind her. She can't see the neat hole above his right ear. When he whispers he's slept long enough, the dog snarls realistically.

This time your funeral's in a cathedral with a maze ending at the coffin, but we don't have to walk on our knees. Some children, in fact, are running with roses streaming from their hair. Seconds before I turned the last corner, you settle comfortably in your glass aquarium case. I imagine your eyes behind your Blues Brothers glasses. If I had married you, I'd almost be a widow.

When I'm awake, they think I don't notice their restless gestures: the altered angle of the bureau mirror tilted to reflect the white ceiling; the missing pages from Rachmaninoff's *Prelude*, the ones my hands didn't memorize; or the bird reciting words I didn't teach him the staring at some point beyond me when I ask how, and who.

But now, because I'm asleep, Mr. Watery Eyes inches up from the foot of the bed reaching as he did in life, the electrocuted prom queen brushed her hair in front of the bureau mirror stroking herself into static, a woman I don't know tries on my blue flowered dress and finds it a perfect fit but not to her liking. The small dog races through them barking himself insane. More are knocking on the door. "Come in," I say, opening my arms. "Touch me again. Deeper."

Dear Debbie

By

Debbie Christenson Senate

Psychic Debbie Christenson Senate answers your questions using her psychic gifts. Please send a self-addressed stamped envelope and a photograph with your inquiry to aid in Debbie's search for an answer. Send all letters to this newsletter.

Dear Debbie:

We had a swift, silent visitor one recent evening. The sun had just set and there was no artificial light in the house or outside. I, a 58 year-old male, was loading the dishwasher, my back was to all of the inside of the house, thus I didn't see anything. The wife, a 46 year-old female, was seated at the dining table. She saw someone at her left side, trying to see her face, very close. I never left the dishwasher. We were alone in the house, she could see me at the time. She jumped up from her chair.

The THING was an orange dull light, sphere-shaped. When my wife jumped, it moved swiftly across the living room and out the front door. We are the original owners and the house is only a year and a half old. This is the first and only sighting at this house. My wife is not a drinker or a smoker. She doesn't wear glasses and the TV was not on at the time. I can't explain it but I do believe her. Can you explain it for me?

The Coachman

Dear Coachman:

Yes, your wife did have an experience with something out of the ordinary. From looking at the picture of your wife I got the distinct impression that she is very psychic. You didn't write of it, but I would guess that this isn't the first time your wife has had an encounter with a spirit. I sense that the site of your new home might be the site of another building? Perhaps one in which some terrible event had taken place decades ago. I feel that whatever it was will not return. But, I did feel a pain in the chest area when I looked into your picture. Please see a doctor about this. I sense that you have not been taking your pills as you should. You have worked too hard, for too long to cut short your retirement with illness.

Bobby Mackey's Music World

By

William Hauck

Date: 1975 to the present day.

Location: Wilder, Kentucky. The town is located in Kenton County, across the Ohio River from Cincinnati, 1 1/2 miles south of Covington on Hwy 9. Bobby Mackey's Music World, Wilder, KY. 41076. Phone: 606-431-5588.

Type of Case: Multi-Apparitional Haunting with Poltergeist Effects.

Summary:

The phenomena are manifesting in a large, wood-frame building constructed in the 1850s. It is now a popular nightclub, but at one time, the structure was a slaughterhouse. A deep well was dug in the basement to collect blood and body fluids from the slaughtered animals. When the slaughterhouse closed, Satanists used the Well of Blood for their rituals.

In 1896, two Devil worshippers performed a ceremony in which they beheaded a woman named Pearl Bryan. The crazed men offered her head to the Devil in their ritual at the well. Before they were hanged, the two killers were offered life sentences in exchange for disclosing the whereabouts of Pearl's missing head, but both refused, claiming that to do so would bring the wrath of Satan himself. The cursed building became a speakeasy in the 1920s, and several unsolved mob murders added more violence to the already diabolic site.

Country singer Bobby Mackey purchased the property in 1975 and turned it into a country music dance hall and bar. Almost immediately, his family and employees began to sense the presence of spirits. Witnesses also have included customers, policemen, businessmen, and clergy. So far, 30 people have signed affidavits testifying to ghostly phenomena occurring at the nightclub.

One employee became possessed by an evil presence and two exorcisms were performed on him. The employee exhibited one of the strangest stigmata on record. He developed an excruciating, nearly-fatal case of hemorrhoids, that doctors could not explain. The man was convinced it had something to do with the evil spirit that possessed him. In many ways, that area on his body was a miniature version of the virulent, foul-smelling well in the basement of the nightclub.

In September 1994, a customer was accosted by a ghost "in a

cowboy hat and boots" in the men's washroom. The man nearly broke his arm in the struggle and ended up suing Bobby Mackey. (He also described the ghost as being tall with a moustache curled upward. The ghost threw a metal garbage can around and tried to smother him. He was found unconscious on the bathroom floor by club security.: Editor) However, the suit is not for injury liability, but rather accuses Mackey of not taking sufficient steps to rid his establishment of ghosts.

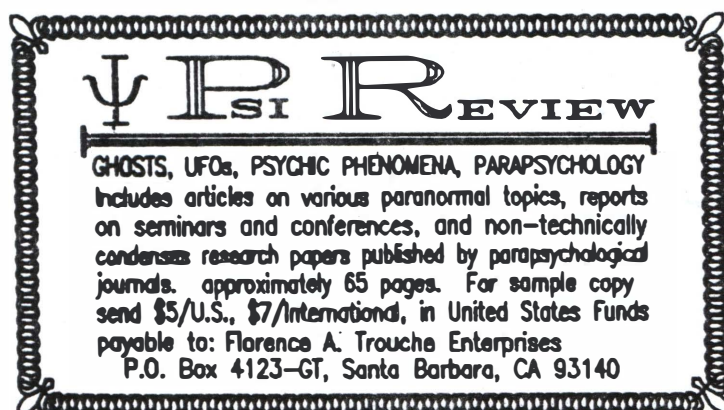
(A small claims judge recently dismissed the suit citing the fact that even if the place was haunted, the owner bears none of the blame for any physical or mental abuse of it's employees or guests because a ghost would be out of his realm to deal with.: Editor)

Historical:

Newspaper accounts are full of strange occurrences at the site dating back to the turn of the century. Recently, Bobby Mackey drew up plans to build a new nightclub on the property and tear down the old slaughterhouse. Amazingly, a huge fissure opened up in the ground and ran right through his proposed construction site, making it impossible for him to continue with his plans. The source of the crack is the well in the basement of the original building.

Remarks:

Bobby Mackey's Music World continues to be one of the most haunted sites in America. At least six different apparitions have been described. The site has been investigated by famed parapsychologist William Roll, who recorded a number of magnetic and thermal manifestations in conjunction with sightings of ghosts by psychic Echo Bodine. No effort has yet been made to rid the site of its many disturbed spirits. (Mostly due to the fact that Mackey doesn't believe his establishment to be haunted!: Editor)



Opinion Polls

Lou Cutaia of Niles, Illinois writes, " I feel that due to your budget considerations and staff of 'Regular' writers, you are putting out the best publication you can at present, but hopefully as membership increases more writers, artists, etc. can avail themselves to the task of strengthening an already valid and knowledgeable newsletter. Keep up the good work."

Mrs. Jo Johnson of Wilmington, Delaware comments, "I'm sure by now, you know I'm pleased with my initial membership - wish I had known long ago about your group. I thank you for placing information in Ulrichs. It's been a valuable resource for me also and wish I'd been introduced to that publication also, but for four years it's been such a help. Do continue to use it. I do really love the little logo, he needs a name. I'd like to see a small amount of material on Spiritualism included, serious information, not fake, as many have much information mixed up in their minds. It might also be interesting to add a word from your occult dictionary/glossary each issue with a concise article to help all sort out various categories - where one subject starts and one ends, or do they really overlap, until we are all much more knowledgeable? Ghosts, sightings, whatever they may be, have been of interest as long as man has been on earth and are probably here to stay, but I like the matter of fact approach taken within your group. How about a question and answer section. Would be extra work for you but could prove interesting if members treat it thoughtfully. It would also encourage involvement for members. These are only some food for thought, ideas. I enjoy the newsletter and would like to see it more often and even larger even at increased cost. I thank you for some very interesting reading time. Still looking for my books by Suzy Smith and hoping you'll be lecturing this direction. Best to you and the 'Wee ghosts'."

William Hauck of Sacramento, California says, "Book reviews and feature articles are the strong point. This is the only periodical I know of devoted exclusively to ghosts. Keep up the good work!"

Diane Laurent of Havertown, Pennsylvania writes, "Book reviews of fictional ghost stories would be nice."

Reviews of all Kinds

"The Other Side": an NBC-TV show (Four Point Entertainment, 3575 Cahuenga Blvd. West, Suite 600, Los Angeles, CA. 90068, 213-850-1600)

A relatively new documentary-styled talk show devoted to all aspects of the paranormal, supernatural or bizarre. Hosted by Dr. Will Miller, this daily, Monday through Friday, hour-long talk show with a live studio audience airs in the mornings on local and national NBC affiliate stations across the country.

To have enough subjects, topics and guests to produce an hour program daily and be diverse but yet interesting is truly a remarkable feat in itself. Past shows have been devoted to such subject matter as: ghosts, UFOs, psychic healing, superstitions, witchcraft, haunted houses and many more diverse topics too numerous to mention here. The show is taped live and aired at a later date.

I was invited to be a guest during the middle of December of last year, quite a nice break from the Chicago weather and flown to sunny and warm southern California. I first taped part of the segment here in the Chicagoland area concerning the ghost of Resurrection Cemetery in south-suburban Justice. The topic of the show was *Haunted Highways*. The in-studio segment was shot later the next week and aired January 13th of this year.

The producers of the show prefer not to air opposing viewpoints at the same time because it puts them in the same category as many of the other so called daytime talk shows. Only irate feelings and confrontations occur with guests sometimes arguing and shouting at one another. With all the other shows currently involved in airing paranormal views; i.e. *Unsolved Mysteries*, *Sightings* and *Encounters*; *The Other Side* shines like a new star in an otherwise black field of view.

Grave Line Tours: A Lively Look at Deathstyles of the Rich and Famous (Scott Michaels, Grave Line Tours, PO Box 931694, Hollywood, CA. 90093, 213-469-4149)

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So says the brochure and more handed out by Grave Line Tours employees and guides. I had a chance to experience this tour first-hand while visiting Los Angeles to shoot the in studio segment for *The Other Side*. Their custom painted and decorated

hearse wasn't operating the week I was in town so Scott Michaels himself offered to take me on a special private showing to the same sites and many others offered on the tour. The tour normally takes around two hours and leaves from the east side of Mann's Chinese Theater at Hollywood Boulevard and Orchid Avenue every day at 9:30 am. The cost is \$40.00 per body and advanced reservations are suggested. Sometimes stand-by seating is available and other times 12 noon overflow tours are offered.

We visited the home where George (Superman) Reeves apparently committed suicide and where is ghost sometimes seen in full Superman costume has been seen. Other interesting sites included: the location where the Sharon Tate murder occurred, the Ozzie & Harriet Nelson home which is supposed to be haunted by Ozzie Nelson, the hotel where John Belushi overdosed, the location where River Phoenix died and many other murder, suicide and death sites. Plus tour guides will provide you with detailed maps to two cemeteries for you to explore later. You will then be able to see such gravesites as: Marilyn Monroe and Clifton Webb which are both alleged to be haunted by their ghosts, Heather O'Rourke and Dominique Dunne both who appeared in the original *Poltergeist* movie, Tyronne Power, Rudolph Valentino, Douglas Fairbanks, Alfalfa and many more.

I highly recommend this tour to anyone interested in both visiting the normal tourist and weird areas of Hollywood and it's environs. Rated a 8 in a 1-10 scale.

Ghosts Of Gettysburg Walking Tour: Spirits, Apparitions and Haunted Places of Gettysburg (Mark Nesbitt, 717-337-0445)

My fascination with ghost stories and Civil War Battlefields came together on this tour which I took last November on a trip through this area. As usual the tours had ended around Halloween but through a series of telephone calls, my wife and I were given a private tour by local guide, Aloma Handshew, who graciously offered to guide us on this hour and a half tour of mostly homes and locations throughout Gettysburg.

The idea of the tours began with local author, Mark Nesbitt, who used to work for the park service and has since written two books on the Ghosts of Gettysburg. The tours begin at dusk and the last one usually leaves around 9:45pm. They are filled by reservations. Cost is \$6.00 per person; children seven and under are free.

I found the tours to be both entertaining and a bit scary! If you are in the Gettysburg area, please avail yourself on one of these tours. Rated a 7 in a 1-10 scale.

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Rez Mary (RSR Records, Ron Randolph, 1994, audio recording, \$7.50 postpaid)

Most Chicagoans know about *Resurrection Mary*, Chicago's most famous ghost. She has been seen hitchhiking along Archer Avenue between the Willowbrook Ballroom and Resurrection Cemetery in south

suburban, Justice, Illinois since 1934. Many people have both seen and encountered her in the past sixty years of reports.

Several years ago a local recording artist, Ron Randolph, wrote a song about her exploits entitled, *Resurrection Mary*, which became somewhat of a local hit. Last year, Mr. Randolph, in cooperation with RSR Records, has put together a series of songs devoted to the memory of *Resurrection Mary*.

Rez Mary has six songs, three of which have a ghostly flavor and for the first time anywhere, they are exclusively available through the GRS. There is even a rap version entitled **Rez Mary** which is the title soundtrack.

I must admit that I'm not a rap listener but this song is both funny, entertaining and informative because it tells the story of *Resurrection Mary* in rap verse. The rapper doesn't talk so fast that you can't understand the lyrics as with most rap songs. And, of course, the song **Resurrection Mary** is great and again tells a bit about the legend and story. Plus there is also an instrumental version of **Rez Mary**. The two other songs on Side B **Spirit Of Love** and **We Bring The Funk**, complete the cassette.

For anyone interested in the story of *Resurrection Mary* or those simply collecting memorabilia about her, then this is definitely a must for your collection. Rated an 8 in a 1-10 scale

Reviewed by: Dale Kaczmarek

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